

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 36 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokoi (JP-409077436-A) in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,982,718 to Folkenroth et al. ("Folkenroth"). The Examiner, however, indicated allowable subject matter in claims 38-51 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Subsequently, Applicants filed an Amendment After Final on January 5, 2007, along with a check of \$200 for an extra claim, in which the claims were amended with the intention of rewriting claims 38-51 in independent form. However, Applicants inadvertently included claim limitations from an earlier version of claims. The Examiner issued an Advisory Action on February 22, 2007, denying entry of the Amendment.

On March 6, 2007, the undersigned spoke with the Examiner on the telephone and explained this error. The Undersigned gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that a second Amendment After Final will be considered promptly and objected-to claims 38-51, if amended correctly, will likely be allowed. Applicants hereby submit a second Amendment After Final with a new listing of the claims.

By this amendment, Applicants propose to cancel claims 36 and 37, and amend claims 38-51 to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, minor amendments have been made to the text of claim 37 being incorporated into the rewritten claims, to improve readability, without introducing any new matter.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 38-51 in condition for allowance. The proposed amendments do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any

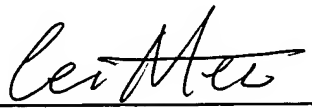
additional search of the art by the Examiner. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate and favorable action by the Examiner.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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